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Requirements for information concerning Czechoslovakian economic activities in Afghanistan

1. What is the total of Czech credit to Afghanistan, excepting arms credit? Is it only the \$5 million extended in 1954 or was an additional \$10 million extended in 1955?

2. Projects known to have been undertaken under the Czech credit are cement plants at Jabal-us-Seraj and Pul-i-Khumri. Listed below are projects reportedly undertaken or considered. Information concerning the status of these projects, financing, progress, etc. is desired.

Tannery  
Fruit Processing Plant  
Ceramics Factory  
Sugar Refinery  
Meat Processing Plant  
Textile Industry Survey  
Water Supply System for Masar-e-Sharif  
Industrial Advisory Office

3. Several Czechs are reportedly attached to Afghan Ministries. What are their positions? By what manner are they paid; i.e., financed by Czech credit or out of Ministry budget, type of currency, etc.? How much are they paid, in absolute terms, and relative to other employees, Afghan and other nationals, of equal rank?

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